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Situation Report – January 12-13, 2007 Winter Storm – Flash Report – 0900hrs

A series of severe winter storms swept across Missouri on Friday, January 12, 2007 causing moderate to heavy damage in Southwest Missouri. A cold front crossed Missouri on Friday morning January 12, 2007 dropping temperatures from the mid-fifties into the high twenties. Moisture from the Gulf of Mexico overrode the cold front causing large amount of freezing rain and/or sleet. An area from Oklahoma Cit to St. Louis along the I-44 corridor was the heaviest hit.

As of this morning there have been two fatalities and several injuries reported as having been caused by this storm.

Storm Damage Reports

St. Charles County: One quarter inch of ice reported overnight, anticipate an additional half to three quarters of inch of ice later today. Severe tree damage from O'Fallon, Missouri –Eastward. Significant power lines are down in St. Charles County. 36,000 without power. City of St. Charles is 50% without power (number is included in previous bullet). Two nursing homes reported as without power –not identified in this initial report from the County. Portage de Sioux sewer treatment plant without power. St. Charles has dispatched a generator to assist the city. St. Peters, Missouri has also suffered time and power line damage. Wentzville and Lake St. Louis report no significant damages.

Springfield/Greene County: Three inches of freezing rain has approximately 70,000 people without power. City of Springfield Utilities is only handling calls that are life threatening. One regular shelter was opened in the overnight with 45-50 persons in residence. One special needs shelter has been opened. One nursing home has been evacuated and several more have indicated the necessity to move. City of Springfield is running short of transportation to relocate nursing home residents.

Polk County: City of Bolivar reports two shelters were opened in the City. Empire District Electric reports about 1,400 customers in Bolivar without power. Expect power to be restored this afternoon. Fire Dept. had twenty calls in the overnight. Public works is having trouble keeping up with falling trees and limbs blocking streets. City EOC is operating at Level II.

Lawrence County: One shelter open at this time in Aurora, Missouri.

Barry County: One shelter open at this time in Monett, Missouri.

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State Actions

SEMA: Currently operating at level one activation. Office of Administration and Missouri National Guard has reported to the EOC. Missouri State Highway Patrol, Dept of Health and Senior Services are enroute to the State EOC.

<u>Point of Contact:</u> SEMA Duty Officer after hours (Starting at 4:30 pm) number is 573-751-2748. During normal duty hour's calls should be made to 573-526-9100.

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed on the SEMA Website later today.